

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows. These amendments correct typographical errors and do not add new matter.

Please amend the paragraph on page 12, lines 17-23 as follows:

Writer ~~34~~ 36 is not particularly susceptible to adverse consequences due to noise introduced into the writer core (defined by upper and lower poles 40 and 42). Resistor 60, which electrically connects the writer core and substrate 38, has a significantly lower resistance than typical reader bleeder resistors. The resistance of resistor 60 is between about 1 Ω and about 1 M Ω . This relatively low resistance allows current to more easily flow through resistor 60 to ground the writer core from smaller charges.

Please amend the paragraph on page 14, lines 6-16 as follows:

FIG. 1A ~~shown~~ shows a partial cross-sectional view of another embodiment of transducing head 32 shown in FIG. 1. In this embodiment, substrate 38 is formed of an electrically insulating material, and transducing head 32 further includes an electrically grounded pad 65 located on transducing head 32 opposite substrate 38. Those skilled in the art will recognize that pad 65 may be located elsewhere on transducing head 32. Pad 65 is of a well-known type used to electrically connect various components to a transducing head. Resistor 60 electrically connects the writer core (defined by upper and lower poles 40 and 42) to pad 65 for

electrically grounding writer 36. In further embodiments, pad 65 is connected to other components, such as an interconnect circuit (not shown) that is electrically connected to a system ground located in the HDD.